GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Social Welfare Department - Surprise check conducted by the ACB on Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel, Jangareddygudem, West Godavari District on 28-02-2015 – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 against Smt. M.S.Shobha Rani, former DD (SW), West Godavari and presently working as Executive Director, District Scheduled Castes Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Visakhapatnam District – Articles of Charge – Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (VIG) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 431 **Dated: 12-11-2020.**

O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Smt. M.S.Shobha Rani, former Deputy Director (SW), West Godavari and presently working as Executive Director, District Scheduled Castes Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Visakhapatnam District, in accordance with the procedure laid down in rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each articles of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Smt. M.S.Shobha Rani, former Deputy Director (SW), West Godavari and presently working as Executive Director, District Scheduled Castes Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Visakhapatnam District, is directed to submit a written statement of her defence within ten (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Smt. M.S.Shobha Rani, former Deputy Director (SW), West Godavari and presently working as Executive Director, District Scheduled Castes Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Visakhapatnam District, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt. M.S.Shobha Rani, former Deputy Director (SW), West Godavari and presently working as Executive Director, District Scheduled Castes Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Visakhapatnam District is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex-parte.

6. Further attention of Smt. M.S.Shobha Rani, former Deputy Director (SW), West Godavari and presently working as Executive Director, District Scheduled Castes Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Visakhapatnam District is also invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his/her interest in respect of matters pertaining to his/her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt. M.S.Shobha Rani, former Deputy Director (SW), West Godavari and presently working as Executive Director, District Scheduled Castes Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Visakhapatnam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Smt. M.S.Shobha Rani, former Deputy Director (SW),
West Godavari and presently working as Executive Director,
District Scheduled Castes Service Cooperative Society Ltd.,
Visakhapatnam District.
(through the Director of Social Welfare, Tadepalli, Guntur District)
The Director of Social Welfare, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
(with request to serve the order on the individual and
send the served copy to the Government)

Copy to:
The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, APSCCFC Ltd.,
Tadepalli, Guntur District.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. MYLAPALLI SUVARNA SHOBHA RANI, FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT, ELURU PRESENTLY WORKING AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DISTRICT SCHEDULED CASTES SERVICE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD., VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT

That Smt. Mylapalli Suvarna Shobha Rani joined Government Service on 12-06-1995 in Social Welfare Department as Assistant Social Welfare Officer and worked at Bhimunipatnam of Visakhapatnam. Further she was promoted as District Social Welfare Officer on 18-09-2010 and worked in the office of Joint Director, Social Welfare, Guntur District. She was further promoted as Deputy Director, Social Welfare on 14-05-2013 and worked in Kurnool till 18-09-2014. She worked as Deputy Director, Social Welfare in West Godavari District from 19-09-2014 to 28-02-2015 (the date of surprise check). While functioning as Deputy Director, Social Welfare, West Godavari district she has committed grave misconduct in as much as:

That Smt. Mylapalli Suvarna Shobha Rani, Deputy Director being the Supervisory Officer of the said hostel failed to take all possible steps to ensure the devotion to duty of the Hostel by HWO, A.S.W.O. who are under the control and authority in violation of Rule 3 (5) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus Smt. Mylapalli Suvarna Shobha Rani, Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, West Godavari District, Eluru by her above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. MYLAPALLI SUVARNA SHOBHA RANI, FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT, ELURU PRESENTLY WORKING AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DISTRICT SCHEDULED CASTES SERVICE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD., VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT

That Smt. Mylapalli Suvarna Shobha Rani is a native of Anakapalli, Visakhapatnam District. Her date of birth is 15-07-1964. She joined Government Service on 12-06-1995 in Social Welfare Department as Assistant Social Welfare Officer and worked at Bhimunipatnam of Visakhapatnam. Further she was promoted as District Social Welfare Officer on 18-09-2010 and worked in the office of Joint Director, Social Welfare, Guntur District. She was further promoted as Deputy Director, Social Welfare on 14-05-2013 and worked in Kurnool till 18-09-2014. She worked as Deputy Director, Social Welfare in West Godavari District from 19-09-2014 to 28-02-2015 (the date of surprise check). She is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31-07-2024. She is here-in-after referred to as “Government Servant".

That on credible information that the HWO, Social Welfare Hostel for Boys, Jangareddygudem, West Godavari District inflated the number of borders of the hostel and misappropriating the government funds under various heads of the hostel, a surprise check in SC No:2/SC-EWG/2015 was conducted on the Social Welfare Hostel for Boys on 28-02-2015 by the DSP, ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru and found certain irregularities.

During the course of Surprise Check, the hostel records, stocks and premises were thoroughly checked and irregularities found were noted in the Surprise Check proceedings.

The surprise check disclosed that the Hostel Welfare Officer failed to update all the hostel records up-to-date and even some registers were not opened till date and also violated guidelines issued in G.O.Ms.No.54 dated 24-05-2014 of the Social Welfare (Edn.1) Department and the Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Koyyalagudem failed to take all possible steps to ensure the proper maintenance of the hostel and violated the guidelines issued in Circular Memo. vide Rc.No:M1/14469/96, dated 23-04-1997.

As per the orders of the Secretary to Government, Social Welfare (BUD) Department vide G.O.Ms.No.84 SW (BUD.1) Department, dated 18-09-2000, in the Job Chart of Deputy Directors, Social Welfare, it was clearly mentioned in point no:5 that the Deputy Director should inspect hostels in the presence of ASWO especially during study hours and take all preventive and curative steps and also in point no:15 that she shall review the inspection reports of the ASWO every month. During the surprise check, no such record i.e. Visit / Inspection of Deputy Director was found and it came to light that the Deputy Director never visited / inspected the Social Welfare Hostel for Boys, Jangareddygudem, West Godavari District and the ASWO who visited the hostel also did not produce any document regarding review conducted by the Deputy Director on his inspection reports.

Smt. Mylapalli Suvarna Shobha Rani, Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, West Godavari District being supervisory officer violated guidelines issued in G.O.Ms.No.84 SW (BUD.1) Department dated 18-09-2000 of the Secretary to Government, Social Welfare (BUD) Department.

That Smt. Mylapalli Suvarna Shobha Rani, Deputy Director being the Supervisory Officer of the said hostel failed to take all possible steps to ensure the devotion to duty of the Hostel by HWO, A.S.W.O., who are under the control and authority in violation of Rule 3 (5) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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Thus Smt. Mylapalli Suvarna Shobha Rani, Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, West Godavari District, Eluru by her above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus Smt. Mylapalli Suvarna Shobha Rani, Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, West Godavari District rendered herself for regular departmental action for major penalty for her misconduct.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESSES:

1. Sri Banothu Durga Rao, S/o Pentaiah, 51 years, Kamati, SC Boys Hostel, Jeelugumilli

2. Sri Mukkara Vidhyadara Rao, S/o Late Siromani, 26 years, Cook, Social Welfare Hostel for Boys, Jangareddygudem, R/o Benerjeevari Street, Jangareddygudem

3. Any other witness, if any

Mediators:

1. Sri Ryali Subba Rao, S/o Rama Chandra Rao, Age: 47 years, Deputy Executive Engineer, O/o Municipal Corporation, Eluru, R/o Flat No:206, MRC Residency, RRPet, Eluru.

2. Sri Laviti Thukaram, S/o Appala Swamy, Age: 50 years, Work Inspector, O/o Municipal Corporation, Eluru, R/o Lavitivari Street, 45th Division, Gandhi Nagar, Eluru.

3. Sri K.Venkateswarlu, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada Range, Krishna District.

4. Sri V.Gopala Krishna, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Eluru Range, Eluru.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

1. Surprise Check Mediators Report dated 28-02-2015
2. Admission Register of Borders for the year 2014-15 and previous Registers from 2010 to 2014.
3. Borders Attendance Register (Signatures)
4. Attendance Register of the Borders
5. Staff Attendance Register
6. Provision Stock and Issue Register
7. Daily Purchase Register
8. Cash Book
9. Stock and Issue Register of Dresses / Note Books and Cosmetic Disbursement Register
10. Visitors Register
11. Movement Register of HWO and other staff
12. Movement Register of Borders
13. Staff Salary Acquittance Register
14. Bills Registers Form I to V (office copy of all bills sent)
15. Library Books Register
16. Hostel Inspection Register
17. Cosmetic Charges Acquittance Register
18. Daily Menu Register
19. Advisory Committee Meeting Register
20. G.O.MS.No.84 SW (BUD.1) Department dated 18-09-2000 of the Secretary to Government, Social Welfare (BUD) Department, A.P.
21. Cir. Memo vide Rc. No:M1/14469/96 dated 23-04-1997 of Commissioner of Social Welfare Department, A.P., Hyderabad.
22. GO.Ms.No:54, dated 24-05-2014 of the Secretary to Government, Social Welfare (Edn.1) Department, A.P.
23. Any other document produced at the time of enquiry

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